NOTICE TO ALL TIMBER PURCHASERS

C-46 West Catahoula R.D.

Bids will be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA on March 21, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

LOCATION: This sale is located approximately one (1) mile northeast of Dry Prong, LA in T7N R1W, Sections 6, &7; and T7N R2W Sections 1, 2, 11, & 12 of Grant Parish.

INCLUDED TIMBER: The sale area consists of about 888 acres, of which an estimated 691 acres are designated for cutting. The sale contains twelve (12) Payment Units, ten (10) of which are marked thinning units (Payment Units 1-10), and two (2) of which (PU 11 & 12) are designation by spacing thinning, which allows the purchaser to cut and remove smaller diameter trees meeting the Utilization Standards and the following criteria: 1) if the tree is within 13 feet of a live pine tree that has a larger stump diameter than it and the larger tree is not designated for cutting; and 2) all trees within skid corridors which are no more than 14 feet wide and no closer than 70 feet apart measured center to center. There are RCW trees within PU-5 & 6 where the logging season will be restricted within 200' of the cavity trees during the nesting season which is March 15-June 30. The boundaries of the Payment Units are marked with orange paint.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: The Contract termination date will be **September 30, 2021**.

FORM AD-3030-FS: Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030-FS Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants. The form is located behind Page 6 of the Bid for Advertised Timber.

EROSION CONTROL: The Purchaser will be responsible for seeding and fertilizing approximately 9.84 acres to Forest Service specifications. The Purchaser may elect to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to have the Erosion Control work performed in exchange for a cooperative deposit in the amount of \$3,243.33.

PREHAUL ROAD MAINTENANCE: The Purchaser will be required to perform Pre-Haul Road Maintenance on 4.95 miles of Forest Service roads 145-A, 191, C046C, and C046J prior to hauling. The work includes placing 1200 tons of Winn Rock and 700 tons of washed gravel on these roads. A cost allowance of **\$85,035.98** is estimated for this work and should be considered a logging cost for prospective bidders. See sample contract for specific information.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: The purchaser will be responsible for making a required deposit (16 U.S.C. 537) in the amount of <u>\$0.55</u> per CCF (approximately <u>\$7187</u>) for using Forest Service roads to haul timber. Additionally, a cost allowance for Purchaser required road maintenance on secondary roads of approximately \$1663 has been made in the appraised value of the timber.

SLASH DISPOSAL: In Payment Units 1 through 12, Slash Disposal will be required in areas where slash accumulation is higher than 2 feet. Around RCW cavity trees, slash shall be removed for a distance of 15'.

All interested bidders should investigate the sale area and the sample contract prior to submission of bids, and become familiar with the provisions mentioned above and others which apply to this timber sale contract. Please contact the District Office at (318) 765-3554 if you have any questions about this sale.